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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announce camping fees waived for storm evacuees

FORT WORTH, Texas – Camping fees at Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers parks will be waived for evacuees and disaster relief workers impacted by Tropical Storm Isaac. A policy allows commanders to waive camping fees at Corps operated parks for evacuees as space availability allows. First priority is given to those with reservations but every effort will be made to accommodate evacuees. This applies only to disaster-related users of overnight camping facilities and usually only for a two week period.

Use of the facilities for evacuees will be limited to non-reservable sites. Those who are claiming evacuee status will be asked to fill out a registration form to help in tracking use of the facilities. In addition, residents in affected areas may be considered for a liberal cancellation policy for existing reservations without penalty which will preclude charging the customer a cancellation fee. All other reservations will be subject to normal cancellation procedures. Concessionaires will be encouraged, but not required, to participate with this policy.

Important Points to Remember:

 □ A fee waiver does not apply to campsites covered by the reservation system. □ A fee waiver does not apply to campgrounds operated under a concessionaire agreement. □ It is highly recommended that individuals call their local Corps office for information on which sites are available for waiver. 	
The Fort Worth District continues to monitor the situation and is prepared to respond to ensure life safety	

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About the Fort Worth District: The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil and SWF Face book at:

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